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To-night's Play.

There should be a crowded house at the Theatre Royal to-night, when "The Flag Lieutenant" will be produced, as it is a piece which has been extremely popular in London. Below we give an outline of the play for the benefit of those intending to be present.

In the first act, which takes place in the admiral's after cabin of H.M.S. Royal Edward on the occasion of a ship's dance, we are introduced to the principal characters, who reveal the situation governing the action of the piece—rather a difficult expedient in dramatic construction but skilfully carried out. On the one hand, there is the Flag Lieutenant Dicky Lascelles, with whom everything in life has been plain sailing. He has got on in the service, he has wealth and his luck is proverbial. His great "pal," Major Thesiger, of the Marines, has fared very differently. He has never had a chance of distinguishing himself, he has nothing but his pay and an immediate prospect of being placed on the shelf. They are both in love, but while Lascelles is a very desirable parti for Lady Hermione Wynne. Thesiger hardly dares to aspire to the wealthy Mrs Cameron. The bond of affection between the two men originated when both were boys in the services, and Thesiger sacrificed his last twenty pounds to rescue Lascelles—then an impecunious "sub"—from a disgraceful predicament. Such is the state of affairs when trouble breaks out in Crete and both leave suddenly at the end of the dance for active service at Candia. In the second act we have the Camp at Candia—the little force of bluejackets and marines in a tight corner surrounded by *bashi bazouks*. Thesiger conceives the idea of disguising himself as a *bashi bazouk*, making his way through the enemy to the telegraph station and sending a message to the fleet for help. Just as he is starting he is shot in the head and on his recovery of consciousness the doctor declares that his memory of events since leaving Malta is a blank and will probably never be recovered. Then Lascelles conceives the idea of himself secretly carrying out Thesiger's project and letting Thesiger have the credit. In this way he looks to repay Thesiger his old debt. He succeeds in his expedition and with the doctor, the only other man in the secret, as an accomplice) he succeeds further in establishing the story that Thesiger was the hero and not himself. But his own absence from the camp has been marked, he is unable to explain it, and so in the third act we find them back at Malta. Thesiger the hero of the day and Lascelles the subject of unpleasant stories of cowardice. His refusal to explain his disappearance from the scene during the thick of the fighting is to be the subject of a court of inquiry, and all his friends are at a loss to understand his mysterious conduct. Ultimately, though the telegraph station at China the real story becomes known to a few, among whom is the admiral. The latter publicly asserts that he has received a full and satisfactory explanation from Lascelles, and the silence of the rest is promised. Thesiger remains a hero in his own and the public estimation and Lascelles' character is cleared.

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Annual Report.

The annual report of Lloyd's Register of shipping states that at the close of the year ended 30th June, 1908, 10,472 merchant vessels, registering over 20 million tons gross, held classes assigned by the Committee of Lloyd's Register.

In view of the general depression which has for some time existed in the shipbuilding industry, the tonnage classed by the Society during the year shows a falling off from the high figures of the previous year, which represented the greatest amount of tonnage classed during any one year in the history of the Society.

Classes were assigned by the Committee to 648 new vessels. Their registered gross tonnage amounted to 1,151,791 tons. Of these vessels, 605 of 1,147,547 tons were steamers, and 43 of 4,244 tons were sailing ships. These vessels were all constructed, in accordance with approved plans, under the special supervision of the Surveyors to Lloyd's Register. Of the total, 671,843 tons, or 58½ per cent., were built for the United Kingdom, and 479,948 tons, or 41½ per cent., for the British Colonies and foreign countries.

The following table sets forth the new tonnage classed by the Society during the last ten years:—

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1899—1900	1,236,831	18,908	1,255,739
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1901—2	1,381,750	43,666	1,425,416
1902—3	1,182,265	68,155	1,250,420
1903 4	1,051,960	27,085	1,079,045
1904—5	1,189,769	11,058	1,200,827
1905—6	1,408,579	4,066	1,412,645
1906—7	1,470,312	14,410	1,484,722
1907—8	1,147,547	4,244	1,151,791

Since the issue of the last Annual Report, 49 steamers of upwards of 5,000 tons each have received the Society's classification.

A type of steamer for which there is an increasing demand is that designed for the carriage of oil in bulk. Fourteen of these vessels have been classed since June, 1907, and have all received the 100A1 character. At the present time there are no less than 27 oil carrying vessels with a total tonnage of 128,473 tons under construction with a view to classification in Lloyd's Register Book. During the year numerous vessels of special types have received the Society's A1 Class, which is provided for vessels intended for particular purposes, or limited voyages, for which a high rate of speed, or shallow draft is essential.

The numerous yachts classed by the Society during the year include the fine steam yachts, Iolanda, 1,647 tons, and Liberty, 1,607 tons built at Leith; the Cassandra, 1,227 tons, built at Greenock; and the turbine yacht Vanadis, 1,092 tons, built at Glasgow. In the course of the year the plans of 554 vessels intended to be built of steel, 42 of wood, and 3 composite—making a total of 599 vessels—were submitted for the Committee's consideration, with a view to the approval of the vessels for classification by the Society. The tonnage in course of construction under the inspection of the Society's Surveyors at home and abroad, on 30th June last, was 745,538 tons. This total, which is 300,000 tons less than that recorded twelve months previously indicates the serious shrinkage which has occurred in the shipbuilding trade in the course of the year. During the year 611,000 tons of ship and boiler steel were tested by the Society's Surveyors at home and abroad.

At the present time there are 72 steel manufacturing firms in the United Kingdom, and 145 abroad, recognised by the committee for the production of steel for use in the construction of vessels and machinery intended for classification in Lloyd's Register Book.

The continued extension of the Society's operations at Foreign and Colonial Ports has necessitated the establishment from time to time of additional exclusive Surveyorships abroad, and, with a view to meeting the convenience of shipowners and others of the society's clients, the committee have found it desirable since the last annual report was published, to create an exclusive appointment in New Zealand, where the services of an experienced surveyor to deal with important cases in connexion with vessels engaged in the carriage of refrigerated cargoes, are much in demand. Christchurch, N.Z., has been selected as the most convenient port of residence for the surveyor in question, who has been chosen from the Home Staff.

The death occurred during the year of the Society's Exclusive Surveyor at St. John's, N.F.L., and at the special request of the Government of the Colony the Com-

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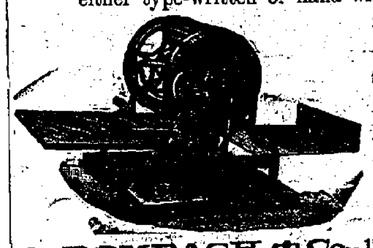
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DREADNOUGHTS: BRITISH AND FOREIGN.

Interesting Comparisons.

The Prime Minister said quite recently at Leeds, "Every Power in the world knows that our measure of what we require in naval strength is the measure of security, and nothing more." The crux of the question, therefore, is the progress of the ships to maintain this security, and of those building for foreign Powers to menace it. For the moment it is admitted on all hands that the position of the Navy relative to other fighting forces is satisfactory. The question is one regarding the future; the situation must be viewed with special refrence to that future. Again there is no need to explain why such a comparison of strength may be quite properly confined to "capital" ships of the Dreadnought type. Following the prototype, laid down in 1905, there were ordered in 1906-7 three British ships, but none of these was laid down until about nine months of the financial year had expired. The Bellerophon, the keel of which was laid on December 3, has only just completed her trials, and will not be commissioned within the two years; the Téméraire was laid down on January 1, 1907, and it is problematical whether she will be completed within two years and three months. The Superb was laid down on February 6, 1907, and although she will go on her trials in January or February, there is little likelihood of her completion within two years and three months. In the financial year 1907-8 three more battleships were ordered. The St. Vincent has been launched, but although sixteen months have transpired since the building of the ship was sanctioned by Parliament, little of her armour has been put in place, and less has been done in connection with the manufacture of her turbines. The Collingwood is to be launched at Devonport to-morrow, nine months from the laying of the keel, and it has been admitted officially that there has been great delay here also in connection with the construction of the machinery. The third ship, the Vanguard, promises to be more up to time. But the important point in connection with these six battleships is that not one of them is likely to be completed within two years. The explanation may be quite acceptable; it is associated with labour disputes. But such causes of delay are so inevitable that it would be false policy to eliminate them in estimating the time necessary to complete battleships. An eighth ship of the Dreadnought class—the Foudroyant—was authorised in July last, but the keel has not yet been laid. Moreover, neither armour nor gun machinery seems to have been ordered according to Mr McKenna's statement at Sheffield. It follows that while we may have four Dreadnought battleships in commission next summer and seven in the summer of 1910, the eighth will not fly the pennant before the spring of 1911. Some urge that the Agamemnon and Lord Nelson ought to be classed as Dreadnoughts, in view of their gunpower; but there is the important difference that their speed is only 18½ knots, as compared with over 21 knots, so that in tactics a squadron of high-speed ships including two Agamemnons would forfeit the enormous advantage it possesses in rapidity and accuracy of gun-fire consequent upon the higher rate of change of range. Even admitting the Agamemnon and Lord Nelson, we have ten battleships. The new cruisers of the Invincible type offer confirmation of the difficulty of ensuring production within two years. The time allowed for the building of these cruisers was, if we mistake not, two years and three months. All of them have passed through their steam trials, and two of them have been commissioned; but in no case was the ship put into commission within the time allowed. Here, again, a reasonable explanation is forthcoming; but the fact remains that we have not built within the time estimated, and it should be looked squarely in the face. It may be accepted, therefore, that possibly by the spring—more probably by the summer—of 1911 we shall have fourteen "capital" ships, including eight Dreadnoughts and four Invincibles built and building, and the Agamemnon and Lord Nelson.

What is the situation in respect to foreign navies, and particularly with respect to that nation of which their Emperor says they are not "friendly to us?" In 1907 Germany laid down four Dreadnoughts. Three of them have been launched at Wilhelmshaven, Bremen, and Stettin respectively; the fourth will be launched very shortly from the Germania Works at Kiel. The first two are in a fairly advanced stage, and all will certainly be completed by the summer of 1910. Orders were issued a month or so ago for three more battleships of the same class from the yards at Wilhelmshaven, Bremen, and Kiel. These ships are to be completed early in 1911, and are to replace the Oldenburg, Siegfried, and Beowulf. Preparations have already been made for laying down two more early in the year, one of them, it is understood, at Stettin, and the other in a Government yard. These should be completed probably in the autumn of 1911, certainly early in 1912, which allows in each case from 2½ to 3 years for construction, as compared with two years and three months for the British ships. This is giving Britain an advantage which full knowledge of the relative building facilities of the two countries scarcely justifies; but we desire to take the most moderate view. A cruiser comparable with our Invincibles was laid down a year ago at Hamburg; another has recently been ordered from the same yard. A third will be ordered early in the year. For a time some contended that we were not entitled in this country to reckon German ships until they were ordered, and on this plea our assumption that two battleships and a cruiser will be ordered early in the year may be criticised; but as definite preparations are being made, and as the general programme has been advanced rather than delayed, there is full justification for accepting the view that the German people are determined to carry out the plan in its entirety. Therefore nine ships have been laid down within two years—seven battleships and two immense cruisers—and three more will follow in a month or so. Germany will have twelve "capital" ships of the Dreadnought type late in 1911 or early in 1912. Italy has in an advanced stage one modern battleship; France has six, which ought to be finished by 1912; Austria has laid down one, and proposes to construct two more; America has in hand four, and Japan has four—one of them launched two years ago, another floated a year ago, and two others in progress. These facts speak for themselves. A similarly disquieting condition could be established in connection with the smaller ships.—*Engineering.*

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9 p.m.—Performance at City Hall.

Auction.

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The China Mail.

HONGKONG, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15, 1908.

THE AMERICAN ARMY OFFICER.

THE United States of North America have hitherto been content with a standing army of 60,000: it is now proposed that an emergency volunteer army of 2,000,000 men be also provided for. It is surprising, at first sight, how little the world really knows concerning the American army, while even less is known of its officers. We in Hongkong, perhaps, have a little better opportunity of finding out what manner of man the latter is than have most outside people, for many officers of the American army pass through this port on their way to and from the Philippines. Yet even our knowledge is extremely limited and far from satisfying. It is the same in the United States. The regular soldier is little known in his own land, his life of service being spent in outlying spots, in the Philippines, the Hawaiian islands, or on the borders of the Indian territory, etc., far removed from the big towns and cities where the great mass of the population hive and swarm. Indeed, the policy of the American Government has been to keep the regular army very much in the back-ground and though not quite ignoring it, outside its own particular circumscribed sphere, to give greater prominence to the volunteers and the State militia. It is therefore somewhat remarkable that under these scarcely inspiriting circumstances the United States army officer has developed into probably the most efficient, certainly the most keenly professional, soldier in the world. This may sound somewhat in the nature of a paradox, but it is true nevertheless, being borne out by the observations of many competent critics. Here in Hongkong the American military man is held by those who know him in high esteem, as much for his professional ability and single-hearted devotion to duty as for the high level of personal honour to which he has attained. We were therefore glad to notice, in a recent issue of the London *Standard*, that a warm tribute is paid by a special correspondent to this fine body of professional soldiers. The writer points out in the course of his article that the average American Army officer considers the Army his home. "He enters West Point Academy as a mere boy, and no effort is spared to break him of all former associations, to force him into the West Point mould. He is taught that he belongs to the Service alone, and if he is not content to accept the situation he must go: there are plenty ready to fill the vacancy. The course at West Point is probably harder than in any other training college in the world—too hard, perhaps, in some ways—and a great many fail to complete it; but once a cadet has finished his four years and passed into the army he is provided with a career for life. He has no need to worry about anything beyond his duty. His pay is always sufficient for his needs; promotion, though slow, is certain, being regulated entirely by seniority; and when he reaches the retiring age, which is the same for all ranks, he is sure of an adequate pension till death. The result of the system is that the American officer stands very much apart from the mass of his fellow-countrymen. He is a type by himself, and, as a rule, he is entirely out of sympathy with all the other types. Politics leaves him unmoved—he serves the United States, not a party. The pursuit of wealth leaves him equally cold—in no case would he be permitted to lead an extravagant life, and the army guarantees that neither he nor his family shall ever be in want. He spends most of his time in outlying stations, where he sees little society but that of his brother officers and their families, and, though absolutely free from any hint of snobbishness, he comes in time to find little pleasure outside purely Service circles. He takes his profession as seriously as other men take their business; he gives his whole mind to it; it is the one thing about which he really cares; and in the end he frequently reaches the point of despising all the ways of life. Civilians are apt to resent his attitude towards the things of everyday existence; Militia and Volunteer officers detest him for his efficiency, which is a standing rebuke to themselves; politicians despise him for his standard of honour; but, so far as the nation is concerned, he is a most excellent institution, and Americans should be grateful for that very sound law which raises the army far above the mud of party politics."

The rank and file of the American army does not stand forth in so favourable a light in the eyes of this observer. The men, he says, especially the American-born, "are always citizens first and soldiers afterwards, and discipline has to be maintained more by tact than by the exercise of authority. The least infraction of the men's rights leads to insubordination, which is seldom punished. Even on active service the American private expects to receive his rations of fresh meat and soft bread as laid down by the regulations, and the moment these are not forthcoming he begins to complain, and to talk of writing to his Congressman. He has none of that grit which makes the British private tighten his belt and go on, with the certainty that, before long, he will have a fight which will more than compensate him for his privations. The non-commissioned officer plays a very small part in the American Army, mainly because he has no position, save when actually on duty. At other times, he is merely on a level with the privates. The short service, and the fact that he reverts to the ranks on re-enlistment, make his promotion a matter of little moment, and he values it accordingly. Instead of being of assistance to his company commander in dealing with the men, he is the mouthpiece of the latter in their complaints against their officers."

It must be some consolation to the American army officer to know that if his own countrymen underrate and belittle him, he is held in the highest esteem by foreign critics competent to pass judgment upon him and his work, and we only hope that the army reforms which Mr TAFT is supposed to be fathering will have the effect of enhancing the nation's opinion of its regular army and more particularly of the gentlemen who lead it.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

Asked why he distinguished between a clock and a timepiece, a pawnbroker at Lambeth County Court replied: "A clock is a striker, while a timepiece is only for time."

The Russian gunboats Korkiets and Giljak, which put into Plymouth on 7th Nov. owing to rough weather in the Channel, left on 10th for Brest, on their way to Vladivostock.

The German Government has decided to disband the so-called "Eastern Asiatic detachment," which hitherto garrisoned Kiao-chow, replacing it by a marine detachment formed from the 3rd Battalion of Marine.

A well-know judge was administering the oath to a boy of tender years, and he asked him, have you ever taken the oath? Do you know how to swear, my boy? The simple reply was, "Yes, my lord; I'm your caddie."

"I am single, but will get married immediately if appointed," said an applicant to the West Ham Guardians for a post as relieving officer, for which only married men were asked to apply. The Chairman: You are appointed providing you are married by January 1.

Three ladies recently appeared before the bar of the House of Lords to demand votes for the women graduates of the Universities of Edinburgh and St. Andrews. They were Miss Melville, warden of University Hall, St. Andrews; Miss Francis Simson, M.A., warden of Meisson Hall, Edinburgh; and Miss Chrystall Macmillan, M.A., B.Sc., who opened the case for the appellants.

Some clever people have started the idea of a club of which all the members are to have amateur-hobbies and pet pursuits. Anything from metal-work to psychical research will qualify for admission. Unfortunately, with our modern diversity of tastes, it is to be feared that disputes may arise amongst the hobby-hunters, and that it may be difficult to get any one member to take the smallest interest in any other member's fad.—*Daily Mirror.*

President-elect Taft has made a pronouncement which has attracted much attention, and which is being discussed warmly in the newspapers of the United States. Speaking on the general subject of the South and its commercial and political future, Mr Taft said that the South must be upheld in its determination to preserve a white man's rule in every State despite the fact that negroes were in the majority in two States and in many localities.

On Monday His Grace Archbishop Kelly, of Sydney, who is returning to Australia from the Eucharistic Congress in London, paid a visit to St. Joseph's College, where he was received by the reading of an address of welcome by Master Peter Povost, on behalf of the pupils. After addressing the scholars, his Grace proceeded to the Italian Convent, where he was greatly interested in the work of the Chinese girls, complimenting Mother Martinoia on the operations of the institution. Later the Archbishop called on the Fathers at the French Mission.

The announcement of the erection of the first building in New York City to be used exclusively for Chinese Protestant Church purposes has come as a surprise to most of the American people. The Presbyterian Chinese Mission is the first in New York to have so far developed as to need a building. The veteran minister, the Rev. Hue Kin, has been in America rather over 40 years. The new building is to have an auditorium on the ground floor for services and Bible school. The second floor will contain a Chinese library, parlours, rooms for Tract Society, pastor's study, and other adjuncts of the work. On the third floor will be bedrooms for visitors and students, dispensary, and hospital facilities.

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NEWS OF THE DAY.

Manila seems to have suffered rather severely from the last typhoon, the tale of damage done running into big figures.

Sir Christopher Furness inaugurated his scheme of partnership with his employees by personally ordering 12 steamers.

For stealing a quantity of clothing of the value of $8 a native was sent to prison for six weeks at the Magistracy to-day.

Singapore papers declare that a lode of tin has been discovered in the island and that a local syndicate is being formed to work it.

The Distinguished Service Order has been conferred on Lieutenants Waterworth and Platt for services during the Mohmand campaign.

The two largest of the Cullinan diamonds have been placed in the Tower. Ultimately one will decorate the sceptre and the other the orb.

The grave of Andree, who sailed in a balloon for the North Pole and was never afterwards heard of, is said to have been found near the coast of Labrador.

For having in his possession one revolver and six rounds of ammunition, an ex-lukong was fined $250 at the Magistracy, to-day, or three months.

Of 21,000,000 voters in the United States, more than five millions are foreign born. The alien vote therefore, constitutes about 25 per cent. of the total suffrage.

In connection with the Y. M. C. A. Debating Society the debate this evening will be on the subject of payment of members. The public are cordially invited.

Lieut.-Col. Zerah W. Torrey, acting Inspector-General of the Department of Visayas, died suddenly at Iloilo on December 6. He was born in 1855 and was very popular.

There were 324 European and 188 Chinese visitors to the City Hall Library, and 146 European and 2,023 Chinese visitors to the Museum during the week ending 13th December.

A coolie was arrested as he was leaving the s.s. Tak Hing, on a charge of having stolen $500. This morning at the Magistracy Mr J. R. Wood sentenced prisoner to three months' imprisonment with hard labour.

The sixth annual meeting of the Philippine Island Medical Association will be held in Manila on February 10-12, 1909. This meeting is distinct from that of the Far Eastern Association of Tropical Medicine to be held in Manila in 1918.

The case against Alfred W. Hall, of the *Query* office, for alleged embezzlement was withdrawn at the Magistracy, this afternoon, before Mr J. H. Kemp, defendant having expressed his willingness to return to Manila in company with Captain Tovey.

We have received an interesting booklet entitled "Is Esperanto worth learning?" by Bernard Long, and published by Messrs Higgie and Co., of Rothesay, Scotland, briefly indicating the activities of the Esperanto movement, and the merits of the language. All who are interested in the study of this language should possess a copy of the book.

By kind permission of Major Evans and Officers, the Band of the 13th Rajputs will play the following programme of music at the King Edward Hotel, during dinner, on Thursday, the 17th December 1908, (weather permitting).

March ..... Hail Spirit of Liberty .....
Valse ..... Svengali .....
Two Step ..... Laughing Water .....
Serenade ..... Love in Idleness .....
Selection ..... Veronique .....
Valse ..... Swing Song .....
Two Step, Won't you come home, Bill Bailey
GOD SAVE THE KING.

ECHO OF THE JAPANESE WAR.

THE LOSS OF THE S. S. OLDHAMIA.

Compensation Claim Rejected.

(Exclusive Service, supplied by Reuter, via Bombay.)

LONDON, December 14.

The St Petersburg Supreme Prize Court have rejected a claim for one hundred thousand pounds sterling, demanded as compensation for the loss of the S. S. Oldhamia which was sunk during the Russo-Japanese war.

The S. S. Oldhamia had on board a cargo of petroleum at the time.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Mr H. Humphreys was a passenger by the s.s. Goebon to-day.

Herr. Premyslav, who has been delighting Shanghai with his wonderful violin playing, arrived in Hongkong this morning by the German Mail.

Mr John J. Plummer's lecture before the Y.M.C.A. on Friday evening next, will be freely illustrated with lantern slides, many of which will be found quite unique.

Jemadar Shaik Cassim, Hongkong-Singapore Battalion Royal Garrison Artillery, has gone on retired pay, and Havildar Mohamad Din has been promoted Jemadar from 21st September.

The Times warmly endorses the suggestion that Presidents of the United States when they vacate that office should receive a retiring pension of £5,000 and a seat in the Senate. The present system is unworthy of a great and wealthy nation.

Mr T. H. Reid, formerly managing editor of the *Straits Times*, who has just returned to London from Singapore, has been asked to go on a special mission to the Argentine, leaving England in January. He had not decided to accept or refuse the offer when the mail left England.

The Admiralty announce the appointment of Engineer-Commander W. W. Hardwick to the Tamar, additional, for charge of machinery of the Wivern and for Fleet duties to date 10th Nov., also of C. H. Carroll, to the Clio, reappointed as Assistant Paymaster in Charge, and as Acting Interpreter in French, on recommissioning, to date Sept. 24.

Lieut. Godfrey B. J. Bonyon has been appointed to the Cruiser Kent on the China Station. This officer first donned the blue in September, 1899, was promoted midshipman in the following December, sub-lieutenant in 1903, and full lieutenant in June, 1905. He was latterly serving on the battleship London, flagship of Rear-Admiral F. J. Foley, Rear-Admiral of the Channel Fleet.

THE CLOSE OF THE MOURNING PERIOD.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

CANTON, December 14.

To morrow the period of national mourning terminates. Viceroy Chang has issued orders to all the officials to go to the temple to-morrow and perform the mourning ceremony with him. The white mourning clothes will be changed for green clothes.

All the colleges and schools are being given a holiday to-morrow to perform the ceremony in front of the late Emperor's tablet.

TO THE HEAD OF THE FAMILY.

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VENEZUELAN COAST-GUARDSHIP SEIZED

BY DUTCH CRUISER.

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LONDON, December 14.

A Dutch cruiser seized a Venezuelan coastguardship outside Puerto Cabello, and sent the crew ashore. The vessel has been sent to Curacao.

CHINA'S NEW REGIME.

ACCESS TO EMPEROR MADE EASY.

(Wah Tu Yat Po's Service.)

PEKING, December 14.

The Prince Regent proposes that in future even a common man will be allowed to address a memorial to the Emperor through the Censorate.

CHINESE IMPERIAL HOUSEHOLD FUNDS.

(Wah Tu Yat Po's Service.)

PEKING, December 14.

The Treasury of the Imperial Household Department has in hand 40,000,000 taels in silver and 2,000,000 in gold.

CANTON RAILWAY PROPOSALS.

OBJECTION TO FOREIGN LOAN.

(Wah Tu Yat Po's Service.)

PEKING, December 14.

The Gentry and merchants of Hupeh are strenuously opposed to the proposal of Chang Chih-tung to build the Canton-Hankow railway by means of a foreign loan. A general meeting is to be held to-day to discuss the matter.

The Canton Railway Co. have petitioned for permission to build a branch railway from Fatshan to Kongmun. The petition has been rejected by the Board of Communications.

[REUTER'S SERVICE.]

THE P. & O. CO'S MEETING.

LONDON, December 13.

Sir Thomas Sutherland at the meeting of the P. & O. Co., said China was one of the most promising fields, and the extension of railways promises to effect immeasurable changes. In the course of next year thousands upon thousands of Chinese pigs were likely to be imported into Great Britain, thanks to refrigeration.

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT'S MESSAGE.

LONDON, December 13.

Congressmen are incensed at a passage in President Roosevelt's Message scathingly criticising Congress for restricting the duties of the secret service police, hinting that Congress objected to the investigation of malpractises of certain legislators. The House has appointed a committee to consider what steps shall be taken to rebuke President Roosevelt, who appears eager to fight and prepared to produce a mass of material justifying his strictures.

BRITISH COLUMBIA AND JAPAN.

LONDON, December 13.

At a mass meeting held in Vancouver a resolution was passed urging the Dominion to abrogate the treaty with Japan, and to legislate for the exclusion of Asiatics by Canada.

AUSTRIA AND TURKEY.

LONDON, December 13.

Semi-official statements in Vienna announce that Turkey undertakes to do the utmost to end the boycott, and that Austria will negotiate with Turkey concerning her willingness to grant compensation for the annexations of Bosnia and Herzegovinia.

THE UNITED STATES.

LONDON, December 13.

The chairman of the House of Representatives Committee on military affairs has introduced a bill providing for an emergency volunteer army of 2,000,000 men.

THE GERMAN NAVY.

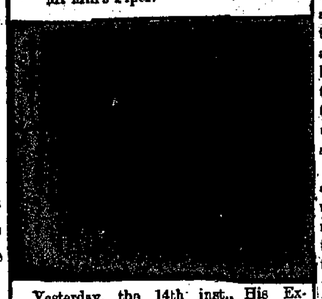
LONDON, December 13.

The fourth German *Dreadnought* has been launched at Kiel.

THE FOOCHOW RACES.

By the courtesy of the secretary to the Hongkong Club we are able to publish names of the winning ponies in the first day's racing, on Monday at Foochow, as follows —

THE STEWARDS' CUP :—
Mr Oswald's Gamechick.
THE MAIDEN STAKES :—
Mr Min's Piper.
THE TOTALISATOR CUP :—
Father O'Flynn's Mohawk Chief.
THE MIN STAKES :—
Capt. Hope's Marvellous.
THE OSWALD CHALLENGE CUP :—
Mr Ewo's Heraldic.
THE TEAMEN'S CUP :—
Mr Min's Kandahar Chief.
THE MANDARINS' CUP :—
Mr Min's Piper.



Yesterday, the 14th inst., His Excellency entertained Mr Scott, the senior partner of the firm of Messrs Butterfield and Swire, to luncheon. Mr Law and Mr Murray Stewart were also invited.

Sir Alexander Hosie left last night for Canton and returns to Government House on Thursday morning. He leaves for Shanghai by the German mail on Friday next.

His Excellency, attended by Mr Brackenbury, Private Secretary, and Capt. Simson, A.D.C., dined last night with the Commodore and Mrs Lyon on board H.M.S. "Tamar."

MARRIAGE OF CAPTAIN WARRACK.

A very pretty wedding was solemnized this morning at the Union Church when Captain Warrack, of the China Navigation Co., was married to Miss Milne, of Aberdeen. The Rev. C. H. Hickling officiated, and the bride was given away by Mr Alex. Rodger.

The bride was attended by the Misses Eva and Nan Rodger as bridesmaids, while Mr Rinnaird ably performed the duties of best man. The bridesmaids wore gold pendants, set with Opals and Rubies, the gift of the bridegroom. A reception was held afterwards at the residence of Mr and Mrs Alex. Rodger, where many friends of the genial skipper gathered together to wish the happy couple all good luck. Captain and Mrs Warrack left by the s.s. Sui Tai for Macao and will spend their honeymoon in Macao and Canton.

JAPANESE OBJETS D'ART.

An opportunity, unique in its way, is afforded residents of Hongkong to acquire some really valuable objects of Japanese art at the sale which Messrs. Hughes and Hough announce for Thursday and Friday next. This collection was really got together for the Great Exhibition of 1912, but owing to that project being postponed, the things will have to be brought to the hammer instead. They comprise lovely specimens of Kyoto embroideries and needlework, damascened jewellery of all kinds, lacquer ware, etc., altogether a rare collection comprising some of the choicest works of the modern Japanese art-artisan.

WINES AND SPIRITS FOR CHRISTMAS.

Few people in Hongkong are aware that Messrs H. Ruttonjee and Son are the proprietors of three extensive godowns, in addition to their spacious and commodious premises in D'Aguilar Street, stocked with the best quality of wines and spirits.

Special attention is invited to Messrs Piper Heidsieck's champagne. This wine has been highly commended by His Majesty King Edward and the Royal Households of Europe, and it is the first and foremost wine used in Great Britain and America.

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The attention of customers is drawn to Johnstone's M.P., whiskey, which is distilled and bottled at the well-known Glenfiddich and Balvenie-Glenlivet distilleries. It is one of the finest pure highland malt pot still whiskies, and is suitable for medical and family use.

The sherries are imported direct from Jose Pemartin or Jerez de la Frontera, one of the oldest and reputed firms in the trade. The age, purity and quality of Amoroso, a rich fruity wine, is guaranteed by the producers.

The clarets are specially selected and imported direct from Messrs Boubee Freres & Messrs Fredrick Capleville & Co., of Bordeaux, the growers in the famous district of Medoc, where they are bottled, so they can be guaranteed as far superior in quality and cheaper in price than any others in the market.

The hocks and moselles are imported from Mesars Hinckel and Winckler, one of the oldest firms dealing in this trade. They have a great reputation all over the world and at home (Germany), and these wines as exceptionally fine. At the same time their prices, compared with other dealers, will be found very favourable.

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ARCHBISHOP KELLY ON MARRIAGE AND EDUCATION.

Before a crowded attendance at the Reading Room of the Catholic Union Club, on Monday evening, His Grace, the Right Rev Archbishop Keily, of Sydney, Australia, who is returning from the Eucharistic Congress held in London, and as His Grace himself said on a zig-zag trip round the world, delivered a touching and masterful address which was listened to with the greatest attention.

The Right Rev. Bishop Pozzoni introduced His Grace who said he was delighted to meet them as they were all brothers and not strangers to each other, however seperated they may be in their spheres of action. He happened to be passing through this port and he had been enabled to stay amongst them a day or two longer than he had intended and he was pleased that that, amongst other reasons, had given him the pleasure of being there that evening under the auspicies of the Catholic Union at the invitation of their good Bishop.

His Grace then explained the meaning of Catholicity and said there were Governments and Governments, ruled by seperate monarchs but there was not unity amongst them, so there was not catholicity. True they might have an alliance but still that would not be catholic, and for this reason he gloried in their catholic club and he claimed friendship with them, because he claimed friendship with every human being under the sun. (Applause.) They deplored the religious differences but that did not embitter them. No persons with a conviction had liberty of thought.

Dealing with leading Catholic principles, His Grace said it was a tenet of Catholic philosophy and history, as cultivated according to Catholic principles, that the life of nations and peoples was the outcome of the combined action of the providence of God and the free will of man. God could not be ignored, nor could free will be ignored. One could not attribute the course of events to chance, or to the deliberate action of man. One significant instance of the action of God in governing events in human history was to be found in the universal domain of the Roman Empire. At the time of the coming of Christ the whole world was at peace. A definite God was longed for not only by the Jews but the pagan philosophers. The organisation of the Roman Empire became the nucleus of the organisation of the Christian Church and to-day Rome, which was then governed by the conflicting errors of idolatry, had become centrated errors of idolatry, had become centrated in the chair of Christian truth,—greater in her spiritual empire than she had been in the days of her material glory. So in our case, if we were wise, we would will ourselves to the designs of God, for the salvation of man and work out our own progress on lines harmonising with definite ideals.

"This is not an age for religion," continued Archbishop Kelly, "it is an age of scientific invention, improvements in the way of luxury, in greater facilities for commerce, for making money and for spending money—(laughter)—for material things, not for religion." Therefore let them take heed to themselves that they did not lose hold on religion.

His Grace then told how he had been received by His Holiness the Pope and how they had conversed together on marriage and divorce and said that the Catholic Church would rather lose the whole world than sanction re-marriage between divorced persons. If people made a mistake they made it worse by divorce. There would be no love in a re-marriage. And what about the children? They would have them defying their parents and that antisocial system of divorce did not take into account the lessons which Christ taught. (Applause.)

Turning to education Archbishop Kelly gave an apt illustration of the state of affairs regarding education as it was suggested it would come to pass. Supposing they had a school with scholars of various nationalities, the Chinese would want one kind of food, the Irish another, the English another and so on and those in authority would say because they would all not have one kind of food then they must have no food at all. (Loud laughter.) Let the State leave them free to their religion for if they did not take the trouble to be good they would be bad without any trouble at all. (Renewed laughter.)

As a matter of fact at the present time there was a great dearth of religious knowledge and he contended that there was no use in oaths. The judges said there was no use in oaths and the administration of an oath was a relic of religion. If anyone put a value on an oath then they would have religion taught to their children. It was like telling a farmer he could sow his seed but not in the spring, the proper time to do so, and so they would have the children growing up agnostics.

His Grace paid a tribute to the good work carried on by the Society of St. Vincent de Paul and urged the members to continue that good work.

A very cordial vote of thanks was accorded to His Grace for his eloquent address on the proposition of the Vice-President of the Catholic Union Club and His Grace in reply wished everyone, of whatever nationality in Hongkong, prosperity.

Several members of the audience were introduced to His Grace at the close of the meeting.

GAS WORKS FOR CANTON.

(From Our Own Correspondent).

CANTON, December 14.

Mr Kwan Chun Chiu and some others are proposing to establish a gas-work in Canton, and have asked the Hsuen Yip Taotai for the necessary permission. The Taotai is asking editors of the Canton newspapers to express their opinion on the matter so as to help him in giving his decision.

The capital of the proposed company will be one million dollars.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

A meeting of the Legislative Council is to be held on Thursday afternoon when the orders of the day are :—

Third reading of the Bill entitled an ordinance to empower a Magistrate to hold a Small Debt Court in the New Territories and to regulate the proceedings in relation thereto.

Committee on the bill entitled an ordinance to amend The Magistrates Ordinance 1890 and to effect certain other amendments in the Criminal Law.

Committee on the bill entitled an ordinance for authorizing the construction of a Tramway within the Colony of Hongkong.

A meeting of the Finance Committee will be held immediately after the Council.

WEDDING AT THE UNION CHURCH.

In the presence of several friends the wedding took place quietly to-day, at the Union Church, of Mr Arthur Conning Logan, manager of Messrs Singer's Hongkong branch, and Miss Margaret M. Ross, daughter of Mr Donald Graham Ross, of Portland, Oregon, U.S.A. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. C. H. Hickling, and the bride, who was attended by Mrs Bagrall, of Yokohama, was given away by Mr Amos. P. Wilder, the American Consul. She was attired in a beautiful gown of brown. Subsequently the guests were received at Mrs Gillanders.

DEATH OF SISTER ALLANSON.

The death occurred at the Italian Convent on Monday afternoon, of Sister Allanson, who for a period of 38 years had been closely associated with the educational work of that institution. She was 64 years of age. Deceased was greatly beloved by all who rejoiced in her acquaintance, and her demise is generally regretted. She leaves two sisters, Miss Angelica Allanson and Mrs Alves, as well as a brother, Mr W. Allanson, of Shanghai.

By the death of the beloved Sister, who passed peaceably away in the presence of her two sisters, Mrs Alves and Miss Allanson and her niece Mrs Leo. d'Almada e Castro, the Italian Convent has suffered a great lose. She was born in Macao on the 16th November 1844; joined the Italian Convent on the 7th September 1870 and was professed a nun on the 25th March 1874. She has occupied important positions in that Institution.

This morning her body was transferred to the Convent Chapel, where a solemn *Requiem* Mass was sung by the Very Rev. Fr. De Maria, assisted by the Rev. Fr. Spada. When the ceremonies of Absolution were performed, which were very impressive, the majority of the congregation were visibly affected and lamented such an irreparable loss.

The funeral cortege left the Convent this afternoon at 4 p.m. and there was a large attendance.

REACH ALL AMERICAN BASE-BALL TEAM.

The Reach-All American Baseball Team is expected to arrive here on the Toyo Kisen Kaisha s.s. Hongkong Maru, due here to-morrow at 10 a.m. after a most successful tour in Japan. They will play a match at Happy Valley on Saturday the 19th inst. at 3 p.m., with a selected team of players at present in Hongkong, and on Monday a cricket match has been arranged with the Hongkong C. C. The team expects to leave here on Tuesday next for Manila, where they intend playing a series of games. A word as to players may be in season: Managed by Michael Angelo Fisher, a prominent baseball "fan" and manager of the Pacific Coast League, who has had control of some of the best teams the West ever produced, the visitors come under the guidance of a man who knows the game from A. to Z. Brick Devereaux, an old Pacific Coast Leaguer, and the only man, it is said, who was the equal of Arlie Latham as a coacher, is field captain; the pitching staff comprises "Silent" Bill Burns, a left-handed from the Washington American Team, Pat Flaherty, of the Boston National League Team, and Gladstone Graney of the Cleveland American League. Burns, a college man (as are a majority of the players) is a young giant, with all kinds of speed and deceptive curves; Flaherty, also a left hander, has worn the Pittsburg, as well as the Boston uniform, and is said to be in great form on the trip; while Graney has proved to be one of the best pitchers in the United States. Jack Bliss, another instance of a college boy making good in the major league company with the St. Louis Nationals, is the mainstay of the team beyond the plate; and Hal Danzig, six feet six inches of fast first baseman, hold down the initial sack in turn; while Jim Delehanty of Washington fame, and Nick Williams, Roy McArdle and George Hildebrand of San Francisco's finest, hold down the rest of the positions in a manner that may be guaranteed to give a new idea of the game of base-ball to those of us who have not seen championship games in America.

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On Wednesday evening Miss Laura Diamond, who arrived by the s.s. Goeben to-day, will make her debut.

NOTES FROM AMOY.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

AMOY, December 12.

The s.s. Salahadji, Capt. Varjin, Dutch steamer from Samboa with oil for Nagasaki, put in here on the 11th inst., in distress. She left Singapore about November 29th, taking nearly 14 days reaching this port. She met with exceedingly bad weather, and her engines and steering gear have been strained. Repairs have been made by the Dock Company. The vessel was also short of coal and has taken in bunkers.

There are still several vessels very much over-due. I hear that the Daijin Maru had to put back to Hongkong with two propeller blades broken.

The s.s. Haiyang leaves at noon to-day for Hongkong direct.

The French Mail is expected to-day in the Chang Chow but there is no sign of the steamer so far.

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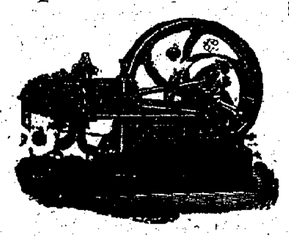
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NAPLES, GENOA, ALGIERS, GIBRALTAR, SOUTHAMPTON, ANTWERP & BREMEN...	GOEBEN, Capt. B. Wilhem	WEDNESDAY, 16th Dec., at Noon.
SHANGHAI, TSINGTAU, NAGASAKI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA	DERFFLINGER, Capt. G. Meiners.	About THURSDAY, 17th Dec.
MANILA, YAP, NEW GUINEA, SAMARAI, BRISBANE, SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE...	PRINZ WALDEMAR, Capt. F. Iseke.	THURSDAY, 31st Dec., at 5 p.m.
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REVIEWS.

A *Prince of Dreamers* by FLORA ANNIE STEEL. London, Wm. Heinemann.

Much erudition has gone to the making of this romance of the great Akbar, noblest of all the Moguls. Yet we fear that it will never command the audience which other of Mrs Steel's charming books have won. She herself acknowledges that it is not one which will appeal to the man in the street, but then she wrote it with a glad heart and to please herself. A small coterie of scholars who love the poetry and mysticism of Persia and Hindustan will however hold the book to be above price. And in their approbation Mrs Steel will come by her reward. The character of Akbar as delineated in these pages certainly fits the title of a Prince of Dreamers. He was centuries in advance of his time, and like all dreamers he found that despite his strivings, yearnings and desires life held little satisfaction and that most of its fruits were apples of the Dead Sea. He belonged by right to the great company of dreamers—Shakespeare, Raphael, Drake, Galileo, Michelangelo, Cervantes and half a hundred others—who in the sixteenth century arose (and God alone knows why or whence) to place the whole world, spiritual and temporal, under the sway of imagination for the whole of time. In the story under discussion we are introduced to the Court of Akbar just before he left Fatehpur Sikri the City of Victory, and the plot of the romance deals with a certain uncut diamond which the Mogul Emperor wore in his turban and which was considered to be "The King's Luck." Three Englishmen bearing letters from Queen Elizabeth arrive at the Court, and one of them, William Leedes, is a lapidary. He pursuades Akbar to have the great stone cut after the Western fashion, and at once all the conservative and superstitious elements of his heterogeneous Court are aroused to prevent the Monarch from committing what they consider to be a sacrilege. Very cleverly does Mrs Steel tell the story of those intrigues, throwing over them all the witchery and the glamour of the Orient. We are introduced to all the leading men and women of the Court, and to denizens of the half-world also, for the courtesan played as great a part in Indian life then as ever she has done. Also we make the acquaintance of a noble woman, Atma Devi, the last of her race, who became the King's Chiran, because there was no man of her family to carry on the hereditary office of King's Herald and Challenger. Mrs. Steel acknowledges that Atma is a product of her imagination, but it is a product of which she may be very proud. Of the East, eastern, she kept the King's honour as no man could have done and her end was magnificent. The book should have closed upon that note.

The Land of the Blue Gown, by Mrs ARCHIBALD LITTLE. London Mr T. Fisher Unwin.

This book, originally published in 1901, has been several times reprinted and now Mr Fisher Unwin brings it out in a popular illustrated edition which should open up for it a still larger circle of readers. Mrs Little's book is so well known in China as to need little further in the way of commendation. She describes China and its people with sympathetic insight, and her pen pictures bring vividly before the mind's eye the scenes which her observant eye and intelligent pen place upon the paper. It matters not whether Mrs Little is describing life in a treaty port or life on a lonely farm in Western China she rivets attention and one puts the book down with a feeling that China and the Chinese are much more comprehensible entities than they were.

The Woman and the Sword, by RUPERT LORRAINE. London, Mr Fisher Unwin.

This is the novel which won the 100 guinea prize recently offered by Mr Fisher Unwin for the best novel by a new writer, and after perusal we have come to the conclusion that the judges were well advised in their choice. It is, as its name suggests, a novel of the Picaresque school and the action mostly takes place in Germany during the grim and almost unimaginably turbulent period of the Thirty Years' War. Gilbert Charrington, the hero, a soldier of fortune in the Protestant cause, has been in the service of half the captains of Europe, but his early adventure pals into insignificance when Mistress Hilary Page, the abducted heroine of the story, the "Woman" of the title, drifts into his life. She is charming, though hot-tempered, the only daughter of one Sir Mortimer Page. The violent historic background of the story is presented with dignity and knowledge, but what will probably astonish the reader most is the number and variety of the "thrills" the book will give. Yet on recalling them, it will be seen that these were, so to speak, legitimate thrills, due to the natural evolution of a powerful story in which, if the characters have often to pass through scenes more than usually appalling, the terror of them is founded on historical fact and is no mere invention of the author. Yet it is by no means a sombre book. To those who love the sword and sword-play the book should be very entrancing, for the Sword plays an even more important part than the Woman.

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† SHANGHAI	*TINGSANG*	WEDNESDAY, Dec. 16, at 4 P.M.
† SHANGHAI	*CHOYSANG*	THURSDAY, Dec. 17, at Noon.
* MANILA	*LOONGSANG* ...	FRIDAY, Dec. 18, at 4 P.M.
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SHANGHAI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA	SYDNEY,	HENRIS.	Jan. 4, p.m., 1909.
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Hongkong, December 12, 1908. 1674

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Hongkong, December 12, 1908. 1677



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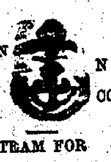
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Hongkong, November 27, 1908. 1660

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Hongkong, November 11, 1908. 1547

Notices to Consignees

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Hongkong, December 14, 1908. 1682

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All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 28th December, or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 21st December, at 11 a.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,
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Hongkong, December 14, 1908. 1679

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM MIDDLESBOROUGH, ANTWERP, LONDON, COLOMBO AND SINGAPORE.

THE Co.'s Steamship *Kawachi Maru*, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN COMPANY'S GODOWNS at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out mark by mark and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

Optional Goods will be carried on unless instructions are given to the contrary before NOON, TO-DAY.

Goods not cleared before the 18th Dec., will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Damaged Packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignee's and the Co.'s representatives at an appointed hour. All claims must be presented within seven days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognised. No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

Hongkong, December 12, 1908. 1678

FROM NEW YORK.

THE H.A.L. Steamship ARAGONIA, Captain MEYER, having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature by the Undersigned and to take immediate delivery of their goods from alongside.

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Any Cargo impeding her discharge will be landed into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

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Hongkong, November 28, 1908. 1611

Notices to Consignees.

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE Co.'s Steamship *Kutsang* having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of cargo by her are hereby informed that their goods will be delivered from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge or remaining on board after 4 p.m., the 14th inst., will be landed at Consignees' risk and expense.

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Hongkong, December 12, 1908. 1673

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S STEAMER *DELTA*.

FROM BOMBAY, COLOMBO AND STRAITS.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above-named Vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed *at their risk* in the HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN COMPANY'S GODOWNS at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out Mark by Mark and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

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Optional goods will be landed here unless instructions are given to the contrary before 6 Hours.

Goods not cleared by the 17th December, at 4 p.m., will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in any case whatever.

Damaged Packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignee's and the Company's representative at an appointed hour. All Claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognised. No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns.

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Hongkong, December 11, 1908. 1671

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1.45 p.m. to 2.15 p.m....Every 10 minutes.
2.15 p.m. to 3.00 p.m....Every 15 minutes.
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10.30 a.m. to 11.00 a.m....Every 10 minutes.
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THE RECENT SHOOTING CASE IN SAN FRANCISCO.

From San Francisco papers just to hand we gather some particulars of the shooting on Nov. 13 of Mr Francisco J. Heney, the leading figure in the prosecution of the late Mayor of the city, Eugene Schmidt, and his chief henchman, Abe Ruef, for gross municipal corruption. It appears that a Jewish saloonkeeper named Morris Haas, when about to be chosen as a juryman was once challenged by Mr Heney and the record of his life thoroughly enquired into. This so upset Haas that the man determined to wreak vengeance and so waiting his opportunity he shot Heney in open Court. It was during a ten minutes recess of court, while the Jury was out of the room and after the attorneys for the prosecution and defence had returned from a short conference with Judge Lawlor in his chambers, that, Heney having resumed his customary seat and entered into conversation with Chief Clerk McCabe, of the district attorney's office, Haas came forward from among the spectators, approached Heney and placing a revolver against Heney's right cheek, fired. Instantly the court room was the scene of the greatest excitement. Haas was seized, and others hastened to administer first aid to Heney, the blood streaming from the wound. Medical aid was summoned, and Mr Heney was first taken to the Central Emergency hospital, where it was ascertained that the wound was not necessarily fatal. Heney was then taken to the Lane hospital for more delicate treatment. After Mr Heney had been removed from the court room, Judge Lawlor called the court to order, and had Haas placed in custody. Haas had first been thrown down and held by the spectators who seized him, until the police arrived. He said he shot Heney because the latter ruined him by exposing the fact that he had been an ex-convict. Haas, when a venireman in the third Ruef bribery trial, was put to severe examination by Heney while he was being examined for jury duty. He asserts that information brought out by Heney in questions resulted in the ruin of his business. Haas in the second Ruef trial had been passed as a juror, then one day in court Heney dramatically produced a photograph of Haas, taken at San Quentin penitentiary, in convict garb and with cropped head, with his number across his breast. Haas collapsed in court. He was immediately discharged from the jury. Haas in a statement said:—"I am the wronged man. I do not care what becomes of me now. I have sacrificed myself, not for my honour, but for the honour of those who are situated like myself. I would not have brought my four children into the world to bear such a brand if I had known the fact that I was a former convict would become known. Heney ruined me; that is why I shot him." After the shooting Judge Lawlor called the court to order, and immediately ordered Ruef to be taken into custody. Haas subsequently committed suicide in his cell.

A telegram to the *Japan Advertiser* under date, New York, December 2nd, tells of another tragedy in San Francisco:—Chief of Police Biggy of San Francisco has been found drowned, and investigations are now being made to discover whether the deceased committed suicide or was murdered. In view of the strenuous part played by late chief in the fight against the lawless elements of the city since the earthquake and fire, it is well known that he had numerous enemies only too ready to take advantage of an opportunity to make away with him. The latest tragedy, coupled with the previous attempt on the life of Heney has made a profound impression and the demand for a searching inquiry is insistent. The evidence so far available is decidedly against the suicide theory.

WEATHER REPORT.

The following notice is issued by Mr. Figg of the Hongkong Observatory:—

On the 15th at 12.05 p.—The barometer has fallen rapidly over E. Japan owing to the depression which is now moving Eastwards to the North of Hokkaido.

Pressure has increased moderately on the N.E. coast of China and given way slightly over S. China.

Fresh monsoon may be expected in the Formosa Channel and the N. part of the China Sea.

Hongkong rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.00 inches.

Forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon to-morrow:—

FORECAST DISTRICT.

1.—Hongkong and Neighbourhood: N.E. winds, fresh; fair, misty.

2.—Formosa Channel: Same as No. 1.

3.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Lamocks: Same as No. 1.

4.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Hainan: Same as No. 1.

VESSELS AT THE DOCKS.

At Kowloon.—Usher, H.M.S. Virago, Hinsang, Hilary, Prinz Waldemar, H.M.S. Alacrity, Nicomedia.

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Aberdeen.—

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Hongkong, December 15, 1908.

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On demand	172½
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On demand	41⅛
Credit, 60 days' sight	42¼
On Bombay—	
Wire	126½
On demand	127¼
On Calcutta—	
Wire	126½
On demand	127¼
On Singapore—	
On demand	72½
On Manila—	
On demand	82½
On Shanghai—	
On demand	75¾
30 days' sight, (private paper)	76½
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On demand	82½
Gold Leaf, 100 fine, (per tael)	$61.30
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TERMS:—As usual.

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(G. L. E.)

OPENING OF NEW PREMISES.

BRETHREN of the above ORDER are requested to attend the OPENING NIGHT at the New Premises, No. 20A, QUEEN'S ROAD EAST (corner of Arsenal Street), First Floor, TO-NIGHT (TUESDAY, at 9 P.M. prompt.

Military and Naval Brethren please note.

By Order,

BRO. GEO. TURNER, C.P.

BRO. G. J. MARSH, C.S.

Hongkong, December 14, 1908. 1683

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT.

THE COMMITTEE of the SOCIETY of ST. VINCENT DE PAUL beg to tender their heartfelt thanks on behalf of the poor under their care, for the liberal support received from H. E. The Governor and the general public at their annual Bazaar, which, they are pleased to state, has realized a net amount of $2,300.

They also thank the ladies and gentlemen who have kindly assisted at the various Stalls and the officers of the 13th Rajputs for their excellent Band.

Hongkong, December 15, 1908. 1691

EXTRA CHEAP SALE

OF A GRAND COLLECTION OF JAPANESE CURIOS (temporary Store) for 6 DAYS ONLY from 16th to 21st, at 78, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL (corner of Pottinger St.)

A Japanese Curio wholesale dealer who is going to leave here for Japan, wants to sell all his Cargo by cheap sale. It will be a good opportunity for Ladies and Gentlemen to secure, at reduced prices, Japanese Curios.

Hongkong, December 15, 1908. 1689

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to Sell by Public Auction, on

SATURDAY,

the 19th December, 1908, commencing at 2.30 P.M., at his SALES ROOMS, DUDDELL STREET,—

A SELECTION OF FANCY AND LEATHER GOODS,

Comprising:—

CENTRE STANDS, VASES, CARD TRAYS, BRONZE FIGURES and GROUPS, CLOCKS, HAND MIRRORS, LEATHER SATCHELS, HANDKERCHIEF CASES, LADIES' and GENT.'S DRESSING CASES, OPERA GLASSES, &c., &c.

On View from Friday, the 18th Dec., p.m.

TERMS:—Cash on delivery.

GEO. P. LAMMERT, *Auctioneer.*

Hongkong, December 15, 1908. 1690

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOTS-POSTE FRANCAIS.

FOR SHANGHAI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.

THE Company's Steamship TONKIN, Captain CHARBONNEL, will be despatched for the above ports on or about MONDAY, the 21st inst.

P. NALIN, *Acting Agent.*

Hongkong, December 15, 1908. 1687

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE Company's Steamship *Laisang* having arrived from the above Ports Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby informed that their goods will be delivered from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge or remaining on board after 4 P.M., the 17th inst. will be landed at Consignees' risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., LD., *General Managers.*

Hongkong, December 15, 1908. 1686

FROM EUROPE.

THE H.A.L. Steamship BARCELONA, Captain PORZELIUS, having arrived Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature by the Undersigned and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before TO-DAY.

Any Cargo impeding her discharge will be landed into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

All Claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognised.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 22nd inst., will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 21st inst., at 3 P.M.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE, Hongkong Office.

Hongkong, December 15, 1908. 1688

THE TRADE MARKS ORDINANCE 1898.

APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION OF TRADE MARK.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that The GANDY BELTING COMPANY, existing under the Laws of the State of Maryland and doing business at 728, West Pratt Street, City of Baltimore State of Maryland, U.S.A., has on the 30th day of September, 1908, applied for the Registration in Hongkong in the Register of Trade Marks of the following Trade Mark:—

OXYLO

in the name of THE GANDY BELTING Co., who claim to be the Sole Proprietors thereof.

The Trade Mark has been used by the applicants, in respect of the following goods in the following class:—

Power Transmission Belting made of Cotton in Class 25.

A Facsimile of such Trade Mark can be seen at the Offices of the Colonial Secretary of Hongkong, and of the Undersigned.

Dated the 22nd day of October, 1908.

DEACON, LOOKER & DEACON, *Solicitors for the Applicant.*

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XMAS - - - -

NOVELTIES - -

ENGLISH AND FRENCH CONFECTIONERY.

CADBURY'S CHOCOLATE.

TOM SMITH'S CRACKERS.

CRYSTALIZED FRUITS.

DOLLS! NUTS!

XMAS CARDS!

H. RUTTONJEE & SON, *Wine & Provision Merchants.*

Hongkong, February 27, 1908. 32

POST OFFICE NOTICES.

Mails will close:—

For SWATOW.—Per *Haimun*, at 10 a.m., on Wednesday, the 16th Dec.

For SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA, KOBE & MOJI.—Per *Kutsang*, at 10 a.m., on Wednesday, the 16th Dec.

For MACAO.—Per *Sui Tai*, at 1.15 p.m., on Wednesday, the 16th Dec.

For AMOY & SHANGHAI.—Per *Luchow*, at 3 p.m., on Wednesday, the 16th Dec.

For SHANGHAI.—Per *Tingsang*, at 3 p.m., on Wednesday, the 16th Dec.

For HOIHOW & HAIPHONG.—Per *Amigo*, at 5 p.m., on Wednesday, the 16th Dec.

For SHANGHAI.—Per *Choysang*, at 11 a.m., on Thursday, the 17th Dec.

For SINGAPORE, COLOMBO & BOMBAY.—Per *Yeboshi Maru*, at 11 a.m., on Thursday, the 17th Dec.

For SHANGHAI.—Per *Kingsing*, at 11 a.m., on Thursday, the 17th Dec.

For BATAVIA, SAMARANG & SOURABAYA.—Per *Kueichow*, at 3 p.m., on Thursday, the 17th Dec.

For HAIPHONG.—Per *Hupeh*, at 9 a.m., on Friday, the 18th Dec.

For MOJI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA & PORTLAND.—Per *Nicomedia*, at 11 a.m., on Friday, the 18th Dec.

For SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW.—Per *Haitan*, at 11 a.m., on Friday, the 18th Dec.

MAILS BY THE GERMAN PACKET.—The German Contract Packet *Goeben* will be despatched on WEDNESDAY, the 16th December, with Mails for the United Kingdom, the Continent of Europe and countries beyond, *via Brindisi*; to the Straits Settlements, Batavia, Burmah, Ceylon, India, (via Tuticorin), Aden, Egypt, Malta, &c., &c.

Printed Matter and Samples at 10 a.m.

Registration at 10 a.m.

Registration, with late fee of 10 cents, up to 10.45 a.m.

Registration, Kowloon B.O., 10 a.m. No late fee.

Letters at 11 a.m.

Late Letters 11 to 11.30 a.m. Extra Postage 10 cents.

(Letters posted in all the Pillar Boxes in time for the first clearance will be included in this contract mail).

SHIPPING

ARRIVALS.

December 14.

Zafiro, British str., 1,619, R. Rodger, Manila December 12, Hemp and General.—SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.

Tungshing, British str., 1,172, W. Stalker, Wuhu Dec. 9, and Chinkiang 11, Rice, Oil and General.—JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.

Yushun, Chinese steamer, 1,079, Pratt, Tientsin and Chefoo December 9, General.—C. M. S. N. Co.

December 15.

Goeben, German str., 5,150, B. Wilhelmi, Yokohama Dec. 5, and Shanghai 12, Mails and General.—MELCHERS & Co.

Cheongshing, British steamer, 1,256, V. McOlymont-Liddell, Tientsin via Wei-hai-wei Dec. 8, General.—JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.

Haimun, British str., 636, J. W. Evans, Swatow December 14, General.—DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP Co.

Laisang, British str., 2,224, F. Wheeler, Calcutta and Singapore Dec. 8, General.—JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.

Hupeh, British str., 1,205, G. J. Spink, Haiphong and Hoihow Dec. 13, Rice and General.—BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.

Yeboshi Maru, Japanese steamer, 4,097, B. Kon, Moji Dec. 9, Coal and General.—N. Y. K.

Foochow, British str., 1,228, Vincent, Tientsin and Swatow Dec. 14, General.—BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.

Barcelona, German str., 5,455, Porzelius, Hamburg and Singapore Dec. 8, General.—HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE.

Rio Lima, Portuguese gunboat, from Macao.

Luchow, British str., from Canton.

Kueichow, British str., from Canton.

Chiyuen, Chinese str., from Canton.

Kiang Ching, Chinese str., from Canton.

DEPARTURES.

December 15.

Ascania, for Canton.
Perlak, for Singapore.
Choysang, for Canton.
Totomi Maru, for Kobe.
Ningpo, for Shanghai.
Benledi, for Nagasaki.
Haiyang, for Swatow.
Tean, for Manila.
Hailan, for Pakhoi.
Marie, for Rangoon.
Ischia, for Singapore and Bombay.
Kwongsang, for Swatow.
Woosang, for Canton.
Ternkai, for Singapore and London.
Yochow, for Ningpo.
Kiukiang, for Canton.
Yushun, for Canton.
Jacob Diederichsen, for Swatow.
Kiang Ping, for Canton.
Quarta, for Canton.

CLEARED.

Goeben, for Europe, &c.
Tungshing, for Canton.
Kutsang, for Shanghai.
Usher, for Newcastle.
Foochow, for Canton.
Amigo, for Hoihow.
Drufar, for Canton.
Zweena, for Tegal.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.

Per *Zafiro*, from Manila, Mr A. W. Nicol, Major Robertson, Dr H. Pick, Mr E. W. King, Mr L. Khums, Mr J. H. Khums, Major and Mrs Rand, Miss G. Hannigan, Miss H. Derham, Messrs W. Greenfield, F. Hannigan, L. Hannigan, W. Milstead, D. Koengh, Mr and Mrs Schafer and child, Mr and Mrs J. M. Clarke, Mr and Mrs Robertson and child, Mr N. J. Hutchison, Messrs C. Tisdall, W. Halven, J. P. Scott, R. Jones and W. Colville.

Per *Goeben*, for Hongkong: from Kobe, Messrs W. Rotheit and Mason; from Shanghai, Miss Purcell, Miss Ross, Miss B. Radkins, Miss Mabel Measor, Messrs T. K. Ohl, B. C. Sethna, H. Humphreys, D. Clark, F. D. Nash, Premyslav, Bockel Hinnink, E. Galampoix, Wm. H. Busch, T. M. Matthews, Chas. Rayner, T. Wive, Schlicker, W. Russel, Capt. Kley, Miss C. Isaure, Miss Laura Diamond, Sister Mary, Sister Masolin, Mr E. L. Hughes, Miss Sofia Altman, Mr T. Sherminsky, and Mr Shaminsky.

GRAND CARLTON HOTEL.

Mr A. Abins	Mr and Mrs Lane
Mr S. J. Bolden	Master & Miss Lane
Mr and Mrs Brooke	Mr and Mrs McKee
Mr and Mrs Compere	Mr B. Millar
Master Compere	Dr and Mrs Moore
Mr E. G. Dale	Mr M. Moore
Mr W. J. Daniel	Mr J. H. Nellis
Mr F. W. Daniel	Mr K. Newman
Mr F. O. Davies	Mr M. Payner
Mr E. W. Day	Mr P. C. Poths
Mr H. O. Fletcher	Miss Rney
Mr J. P. Fletcher	Mr E. Rease
Mr K. Forsyth	Madame Ribét
Mr D. Forsyth	Mr H. E. Rigge
Mr Andree Gaudet	Mr A. J. Roland
Mr E. S. Geach	Mr G. Shield
Mr V. Goulborn	Mr T. Sidney
Mr R. A. Gowen	Mr F. Smyth
Mr A. J. Gunkel	Mr J. S. Thomson
Mr J. Harcourt	Mr O. Vane
Mr G. M. Hay	Mr H. Vaughn
Mr W. Hone	Mr and Mrs Vigor
Lieut. Kimm	Mr J. F. Young
Mr S. Lack	

PELHAM HOUSE.

Rev. C. J. Blanchett	Miss M. S. Hoy
Mr Burberry	Mr J. Hutchings
Mr Byrne	Mr J. McCormack
Mr A. J. Carter	Mr S. Polkington
Mr M. Cousions	Dr A. S. Shealy
Mr A. G. Cropper	Mr John Stewart
Mr Dickson	Mr A. P. Sterrie
Mr Paul Gunther	Mr R. Turner
Mr & Mrs R. Howard	Mr S. Wicks

Temperature.

Hongkong, Dec. 15, 1908.

BAROMETER—	9 A.M.	...	30.19
Do.	1 P.M.	...	30.09
Do.	4 P.M.	...	30.05
THERMOMETER—	9 A.M.	...	68
Do.	1 P.M.	...	69
Do.	4 P.M.	...	69
Do. (Wet bulb)	9 A.M.	...	65
Do. Do.	1 P.M.	...	65
Do. Do.	4 P.M.	...	66
Do. Maximum			69
Do. Minimum over night			66

A RELIABLE REMEDY FOR CROUP.

WITH the dry, cold weather of the early winter months, parents of croupy children should be on the alert for ominous symptoms. There is no cause for anxiety when Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is kept in the house. If this medicine is given as soon as the child becomes hoarse, or even after the croupy cough has appeared, the attack may be warded off. For sale by all chemists and storekeepers.

STEAMERS PASSED SUEZ CANAL.

November 6, *Nore, Ville de la Ciotat.*
November 10, *Soyo Maru.*
November 13, *Telemachus, Lituania.*
November 20, *Carnarvonshire.*
November 24, *Benvorlich, Sunda, Shimosa.*
November 27, *Suruga, Peleus, Sanuki Maru.*
December 1, *Soudan, Sumatra, Tonkin.*
December 4, *Monmouthshire, Ellen Rickmers, Hyson, Nyanza, Silesia* (Ger.)
December 8, *Benlarig, Glenlochy, Indrani, Prinz Eitel Friedrich.*
December 11, *Kleist, Deucalion, Suevia, Sydney, Kumakura Maru, Liberia.*

ARRIVALS AT HOME.

December 11, *Tranquebar, Bellerophon, Polynesien, Princess Alice, Yunnan.*

STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

Mails.

The T. K. K. s.s. *Hongkong Maru* with the American Mail from San Francisco of the 17th November, will be due to arrive in Hongkong on Wednesday, the 16th December, at 10 a.m.

The C. P. R. Co.'s s.s. *Empress of China* left Yokohama on Monday, the 7th December, at 3 p.m. for Victoria and Vancouver.

The P. M. S. S. *Asia*, with the American Mail from San Francisco of the 24th November, sailed from Yokohama on the 14th December, and will be due to arrive in Hongkong (via Manila) on the 24th Dec.

Expected.

The Austrian Lloyd's s.s. *Persia* left Singapore for this port on the 8th Dec., p.m., and is due here on the 15th Dec.

The s.s. *Craigvar* left Yokohama on the 24th October for Tacoma, Wash.

The Bank Line Ltd.'s s.s. *Suveric* sailed from Yokohama on 2nd December.

The s.s. *Ghazee* left United Kingdom on the 6th Dec., for the Far East.

The G. N. S. S. *Minnesota* from Seattle, arrived at Yokohama on Thursday, 10th Dec., and sailed for Hongkong via usual ports of call on Saturday, 11th Dec., and may be expected here on or about Friday, 25th Dec.

Latest Advices.

The Imp. German Mail s.s. *Derfflinger* carrying the German Mails with dates from Berlin of the 18th November, left Singapore on Sunday, the 13th Dec., at 6 a.m., and may be expected hereon or about Friday, the 18th Dec., a.m.

The German steamship *Borneo* left Sandakan on Saturday, the 12th Dec., p.m., and may be expected here on or about Friday, the 18th Dec.

The C. P. R. Co.'s s.s. *Empress of Japan* left Vancouver a.m. on Thursday, the 10th Dec for Hongkong, via the usual Ports of Call.

The N. Y. K. s.s. *Yetorofu Maru* (Bombay Line) left Singapore for this port on the 13th Dec., and is expected here on the 20th December.

The N. Y. K. s.s. *Kumano Maru* (Australian Line) left Thursday Island for this port via Manila on the 10th December, and is expected here on the 21st Dec.

The N. Y. K. s.s. *Wakasa Maru* (European Line) left Moji for this port via Shanghai on the 14th Dec., and is expected here on the 21st Dec.

The M. M. Co.'s str. *Tonkin* with the FRENCH MAIL of the 22nd November and mails from London of the 21st November, left Singapore on Tuesday, the 15th Dec., at 4 p.m., and may be expected to arrive here on Monday morning, the 21st Dec., and will leave for Shanghai and Japan on the same afternoon.

The C. P. R. Co.'s s.s. *Monteagle* arrived at Nagasaki at 8.30 a.m. on Tuesday, the 15th Dec., and left again at 4 p.m. the same day for Kobe, where she is due to arrive at 6 a.m. on Thursday, the 17th Dec.

The P. & O. Co.'s s.s. *Sunda* left Singapore for this port on the 15th Dec., at 6 a.m.

VISITORS AT HOTELS.

HONGKONG HOTEL.

Mr P. R. Adams	Sir Francis Lovell
Miss M. L. Baldwin	Mrs H. B. MacCulloch
Mr and Mrs J. W. Beardsley and son	Mr R. W. Marshall
	Miss K. A. Massey
Dr O. D. R. Black	Mr F. N. Matthews
Mrs G. M. Clark	Mr G. C. McIntosh
Mr and Mrs J. M. Clark	Dr G. W. McKean
	Mr and Mrs Megie
Mr & Mrs E. Clawiter	Mr W. A. Milstead
Mr W. C. Colville	Mr and Mrs C. C. Osborne
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Mr J. S. Gillies	Mr A. J. Robertson
Mr D. E. Goolsby	Mr W. Vaughan Robinson
Mr M. Grunfeld	
Mr R. A. Gubbay	Mrs R. Rodger and child
Mr A. R. Hager	
Capt. T. A. Hall	Mr P. Schlathoper
Mr W. Halven	Mr G. Schlikker
Mr and Mrs W. G. Hartrauft	Mr W. Schornian
Mr E. J. Hazen	Mr and Mrs C. C. Shafer and child
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Capt. Kley	Mr F. C. Waterbury
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Mrs Lewis	Mr T. Wroe
Miss Lindsay	

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Mrs Allen and child	Lieut. & Mrs Holdeness
Mr C. F. Cooke	
Mr Herman Danz	Mr and Mrs Kerr
Mrs H. Deacham	Mrs & Miss Lambert child and ayah
Mr W. Dering	
Mr & Mrs Fitzgerald	Mr Harry Neville
Mr E. G. Fogelgren	Dr Paul
Mr Fraser	Mr Scott
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Mr L. Hanigan	Mr R. H. Smith
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Miss Hargear	Mr and Mrs W. L. Wright

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Mr P. Currie	Mr H. W. Robjohns
Mr G. Curry	Mr F. J. Rowley
Mr & Mrs Gaertner and child	Mr R. Taylor
	Mr C. H. Tricker
Mr Chas. J. Higginbotham	Mr A. Uschmann
Dr F. Keyt	Mr and Mrs Whitson and child
Mr Lennox	

Vessels Advertised as Loading.

DESTINATION.	VESSELS.	AGENTS.	DATE OF LEAVING.
Amoy & Shanghai	Luchow (s)	Butterfield & Swire	Dec. 16, at 4 p.m.
Australian Ports	Empire (s)	Gibb Livingston & Co.	Jan. 7, at Noon.
B'via, S'rang, S'baya	Kueichow (s)	Butterfield & Swire	Dec. 17, at 4 p.m.
Boston & New York	Tudor Prince (s)	Arnhold, Karberg & Co	About Dec. 16.
Cebu & Iloilo	Kaifong (s)	Butterfield & Swire	Dec. 18, at Noon.
CoastPorts & Shanghai	Bujun Maru (s)	Osaka Shosen Kaisha	Dec. 22, at 8 a.m.
Europe, &c.	Goeben (s)	Melchers & Co.	Dec. 16, at Noon.
Genoa, Mar., L'don, &c	Hirano Maru (s)	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	Dec. 30, Daylight.
Havre, R'dam, H'burg	Scandia (s)	Hamburg-Am'ka Linie	December 25.
Haiphong	Hupeh (s)	Butterfield & Swire	Dec. 19, at 10 a.m.
Java	Tjipanas (s)	Java-China-Japan Lijn	2nd half Dec.
Japan & Portland, Or.	Nicomedia (s)	Portland & A. S. Co.	Dec. 18, at Noon.
Kobe & Yokohama	Sanuki Maru (s)	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	Dec. 26, Daylight.
London, &c.	Delta (s)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Dec. 26, at Noon.
Mar., L'don, A'erp, &c	Palermo (s)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About Dec. 16.
Marseilles, London &c.	Wakasa Maru (s)	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	Dec. 23, Daylight.
Manila	Loongsang (s)	Jardine, M'son & Co, Ld	Dec. 18, at 4 p.m.
Manila	Taming (s)	Butterfield & Swire	Dec. 29, at 3 p.m.
Manila	Tean (s)	Butterfield & Swire	Dec. 29, at 3 p.m.
Manila	Zafiro (s)	Shewan, Tomes & Co	Dec. 19, at Noon.
Manila	Rubi (s)	Shewan, Tomes & Co	Dec. 26, at Noon.
Manila, A'lian Ports.	Taiyuan (s)	Butterfield & Swire	Dec. 21, at 4 p.m.
Manila, A'lian Ports	Prinz Waldemar (s)	Melchers & Co.	Dec 30, at 5 p.m.
Marseilles, v. Saigon	Dumbea (s)	Messageries Maritimes	Dec. 22, at 1 p.m.
Manila, A'lian Ports	Nikko Maru (s)	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	Dec 24, at noon.
New York	Lennox (s)	Dodwell & Co. Limited	About Dec. 22.
Ningpo and Shanghai	Yochow (s)	Butterfield & Swire	Dec. 15, at 4 p.m.
San Francisco v. Japan	Manchuria (s)	Pacific Mail S.S. Co.	Dec. 19, at Noon.
San Francisco v. Japan	Hongkong Maru (s)	Toyo Kisen Kaisha	Dec. 26, at Noon.
San Francisco v. Japan	Asia (s)	Pacific Mail S.S. Co.	Jan. 2, at Noon.
San Francisco v. Japan	Mongolia (s)	Pacific Mail S.S. Co.	Jan. 9, at Noon.
Seattle, v. S'hai, Japan	Minnesota (s)	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	Jan. 9, at Noon.
S'tow, Amoy & Tamsui	Joshin Maru (s)	Osaka Shosen Kaisha	Dec. 17, at 8 a.m.
S'tow, Amoy & Anping	Shoshu Maru (s)	Osaka Shosen Kaisha	Dec. 23, at 8 a.m.
S'hai, Kobe & Y'hama	Tonkin (s)	Messageries Maritimes	About Dec. 21.
S'hai, N'ki, Kobe, Y'ma	Derfflinger (s)	Melchers & Co.	About Dec. 17.
S'hai, Kobe & Y'hama	Persia (s)	Sander, Wieler & Co.	Dec. 17, p.m.
S'hai, Kobe & Y'hama	Barcelona (s)	Hamburg-Am'ka Linie	December 17.
Shanghai	Tingsang (s)	Jardine, M'son & Co, Ld	Dec. 16, at 4 p.m.
Shanghai	Kingsing (s)	Jardine, M'son & Co, Ld	Dec. 16, at Noon
Shanghai	Choysang (s)	Jardine, M'son & Co, Ld	Dec. 17, at Noon.
Shanghai	Tjiliwong (s)	Java-China-Japan Lijn	First half Jan.
Shanghai	Assaye (s)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About Jan. 25.
S'hai, Moji, Kobe, Y'ma	Sunda (s)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About Dec. 20.
S'hai, Moji, Kobe, Y'ma	Kutsang (s)	Jardine, M'son & Co, Ld	Dec. 16, at Noon.
S'pore, P'ang, Calcutta.	Namsang (s)	Jardine, M'son & Co, Ld	Dec. 21, at Noon.
S'pore, P'ang, C'bo, &c.	E. Fr. Ferdinand (s)	Sander, Wieler & Co.	About Dec. 21
S'pore, Cl'bo & B'bay.	Yeboshi Maru (s)	Nippon Yusen Kaisha.	December 17.
Swatow	Haimun (s)	Douglas Lapraik & Co.	Dec. 16, at Noon.
S'tow, Amoy & F'chow	Haitan (s)	Douglas Lapraik & Co.	Dec. 18, at noon.
Victoria, B.C., Seattle	Tosa Maru (s)	Nippon Yusen Kaisha.	Dec. 22, at Noon.
Victoria, B.C., Tacoma	Kumeric (s)	Dodwell & Co., Ld.	Dec. 17.
Victoria, B.C., Tacoma	Inveric (s)	Dodwell & Co. Limited	Jan. 14.
Vancouver, (BC.), &c	Empress of India (s)	Canadian P'fic R. Co.	Dec. 19, at 7 a.m.
Vancouver, (B.C.) &c.	Empress of Japan (s)	Canadian P'fic R. Co.	Jan. 16, at 7 a.m.

SHARE LIST.—QUOTATIONS.

December 15, 1908.

Stocks.	No. of Shares.	Value.	Paid up.	Closing Quotations. Cash.
BANKS.				
Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Corp.	120,000	$125	all	$850, sales / £82.0.0
National Bank of China, Limited	99,925	£7	£6 / $50	$51, buyers
MARINE INSURANCES.				
Canton Insurance Office Co., Ld.	10,000	$260		$197½
China Traders Insurance Co., Ld.	24,000	$83.33	$25	$87½
North-China Insurance Co., Ld.	10,000	£15	£5	Tls. 105, buyers
Union Insurance Society, Limited	10,000	$250	$100	$840, sales
Yangtsze Insurance Association Ld.	12,000	$100	$60	$164
FIRE INSURANCES.				
China Fire Insurance Co., Ld.	20,000	$100	20	$105, buyers
Hongkong Fire Insurance Co. Ld.	8,000	$250	50	$325, sales
DOCKS, ETC.				
H'kong & Whampoa Dock Co., Ld.	50,000	$50	all	$91, sellers
Geo. Fenwick & Co., Limited.	18,000	$25	$25	$12, sellers
New Amoy Dock Co., Ltd.	10,000	$6¼	$6¼	$9½
Shanghai Dock and Eng. Co., Ld.	55,700	Tls. 100	Tls100	Tls. 75
STEAMBOATS, TUGS, ETC.				
China and Manila S. S. Co., Ld.	30,000	$25	$25	$14, sellers
Douglas Steamship Co., Limited.	20,000	$50	all	$33, buyers
H.K. C. and M. Steamboat Co., Ld.	80,000	$15	$15	$29, sales
Indo-China S. N. Company, Ltd.	60,000	£5	all	$37, $17, sellers
Star Ferry Company. Ld.	10,000 / 10,000	$10 / $10	$10 / $5	$24 / $15, buyers
Shell Transport & Trading Co., Ltd.	2,000,000	£1	£1	47/-
Taku Tug and Lighter Co., Ltd.	8,600	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	Tls. 45
Shanghai Tug and Lighter Co., Ld.	200,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	Tls. 48
do. Preference.	100,000			Tls. 51
REFINERIES.				
China Sugar Company, Limited	20,000	$100	all	$112½
Luzon Sugar Company, Limited	7,000	$100	all	$20, sellers
Perak Sugar Cultivation Co., Ld.	7,000	Tls. 50	Tls 50	Tls. 82½
WHARVES.				
H.K. & Kow. Wharf & Godown Co.	50,000	50	all	$44, sellers
Shanghai and Hongkew Wharf Co.	32,000	Tls. 100	Tls100	Tls. 137½
LAND AND BUILDING.				
Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Company, Limited	50,000	$100	100	$93, sellers
Shanghai Land Investment Co. Limited	78,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	Tls. 116½
Kowloon Land and Building Company	6,000	$50	$30	$35
Wei-hai-wei Land & Building Co.	3,674	Tls. 25	Tls. 25	Tls. 9
Humphreys Estate & Finance Co.	150,000	$10	all	$9¼, sellers
West Point Building Co., Limited	12,500	$50	$50	$46, sellers
TRAMWAYS.				
The Peak Tramways Co., Ltd.	25,000 / 50,000	$10 / $1	all / $1	$14 / $2
MINING.				
Société Francaise des Charbonnages du Tonkin	16,000	Fcs. 250	all	$580, buyers
Raub Aust. Gold Mining Co., Ld.	200,000	£1	18/10	$9, sellers
HOTELS, ETC.				
Hongkong Hotel Company, Ltd.	12,000	$50	all	$30, buyers
Astor House Hotel Co., Ltd. (S'hai)	30,000	$15	$25	$16
DISPENSARIES.				
A. S. Watson & Co., Limited	90,000	$10	$10	$9½, buyers
Watkins Limited	10,000	$10	$10	$2
LIGHTING.				
H.K. and China Gas Co., Limited	7,000	£10	all	$190, buyers
Shanghai Gas Company, Ltd.	8,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	Tls. 117
Hongkong Electric Co., Limited	60,000	$10	$10	$18, buyers
MISCELLANEOUS.				
Green Island Cement Co., Ld.	400,000	$10	10	$10, sellers
H.K. Milling, Co. Ld., in Liquidation	10,000	$100	$100	Nominal
Bell's Asbestos Eastern Agency, Limited	3,604	£12/6	12/6	$8, buyers
United Asbestos Oriental Agency, Limited	4,000 ords. / 100 fders	$10 / $10	$4 / $10	$12½ / $230
Union Waterboat Co., Limited	50,000	$10	$10	$10, buyers
Hongkong Dairy Farm Co.	25,000	$7½	$6	$22½
Hongkong Ice Company, Limited	5,000	$25	all	$230, sellers
Robinson Piano Co., Limited	4,000	$50	$50	$59, sellers
Shanghai Waterworks Co., Ltd.	16,350	£20	£20	Tls. 425
H'kong Rope Manufactory Co., Ld.	60,000	$10	all	$24
Hongkong Cotton Spinning Co., Ld	125,000	$10	$10	$10, sellers
Ewo Cotton Spinning and Weaving Co., Limited	20,000	Tls. 50	Tls 50	Tls. 73, sales
International Cotton Manufacturing Co., Limited	10,000	Tls. 75	Tls. 75	Tls. 60, buyers
Laou-Kung-Mow Cotton Spinning and Weaving Co., Ld.	8,000	Tls. 100	Tls100	Tls. 70, buyers
Soy Chee Cotton Spinning Co. Ld.	2,000	Tls. 500	Tls500	Tls. 250, buyers
China Provident Loan Mortgage Co., Limited	200,000	$10	$10	$9½, buyers
China Borneo Company, Ltd.	60,000	$12	$12	$11, sellers
Campbell, Moore & Co., Limited	1,200	$10	all	$9, sellers
Wm. Powell, Limited	12,000 / 3,000	$7	$7	$4, sellers
South China Morning Post	6,000	$25	$25	$24
China Light and Power Company	50,000 / 50,000	$10 / $1	$10 / $1	$5½, sellers
Steam Laundry Company, Limited	20,000	$5	$5	$5, sellers
Weissmann Limited	175	$100	$100	$150
CIGAR COMPANIES.				
Philippine Co., Limited	67,500	$10	$10	$8, sellers
Alhambra Limited	800	$500	$50	Nominal

LOANS.	Amount.	Value.	Interest.	Quotation.
Chinese Imperial 1886 a Tls.	767,300 Tls.	250	7% p. annum	P.

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